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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

- ... to our intrepid gala team
- ... to our Zone swimming Sports support team
- .. to those parents who supported this week's Junior swimming Sports
- .. to those who have already dropped items to the hall for gala day stalls

### People of the week

- .... Asher who knocked the socks off a visitor to our school last week by holding a door open for them. Fantastic role modelling Asher!
- .. Kyle and Robson for helping Josh out last week when he needed friends.
- .. Ethan for being selected for the Northland A Cricket team. Well done!

### A special congratulations

- ... to those children selected to represent our zone at the Whangarei Inter-schools Event. Good luck!

### Incredible Years Programme .. for parents of children ages 3-8

Last call to those enrolled in the incredible Years programme to advise Kevin by Monday please if you are unable to make the July programme.

### Term calendar *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

- 10 March Interschool Swimming Sports
- 12 March School Swimming Sports (years 4 to 8)
- 14 March School Gala Day
- 17 March Year 4-6 Summer Sports Tournament
- 2 April Final day of term

### Gala Day - 14 March

A number of teachers would be highly appreciative of offers of help with their class stall on the day, or in the days prior. If you have even a few hours free please give your child's teacher a call on Monday.

### In brief ... from last week

- ... Countdown cards .. best left at home
- ... please keep cars moving (safely) through the carpark if dropping off or picking up children
- ... to check out the senior school camp photos and activities on [seniorschoolcamp2015.blogspot.com](http://seniorschoolcamp2015.blogspot.com)
- ... pool users, please resist the temptation to supervise other people's children in the pool after school, legal reasons for this.
- ... remember that younger children dropped at school during school hours may need assistance to open the school gates.
- ... inhalers need to be left at the school office please (along with all medications)
- .. please ensure Smart Words and Maths Whizz subscriptions have been paid (give Helen a call if not sure)
- .. missed interviews .. teachers are highly available by appointment.
- .. please act to ensure that home learning routines (homework) are bedding in. Any problems please contact your child's teacher.

### **Interschool Swimming Sports**

A reminder that it is the responsibility of parents to transport and supervise their own children to/at this event. Jenny Wiegersma has kindly offered to co-ordinate our team on the day and so please connect with her on arrival.

### **Have Fun Learning/Practising Te Reo**

On Monday from the 2 March there will be a weekly opportunity to learn, waiata(song), te reo(Maori language) and tikanga(customs). No matter your current level you may attend to begin learning. For those who have knowledge it is an opportunity to develop tuakana- teina relationships - a mentoring role, and to practise speaking te reo. This is available to both the students and their families. Expressions of interest to Sue Abbott via email, [sabbott@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sabbott@matarau.school.nz), on the Matarau Whanau Facebook page, or via the office. The wananga/sessions will run from 3:15 - 4:15pm. Venue to be confirmed next Friday when there has been an indication of numbers attending.

### **Public Health Nurse .. forthcoming vaccinations**

... Any questions to Mrs Donaldson please.

### **International Schools English and Maths Competitions**

Consent forms for the above competitions were sent home last week. Please give careful thought regarding your child's participation this year. The competition is open to all comers, but there is little point in participating if children are unlikely to complete a MINIMUM of 5 practice tests in the period building up to the test. If your child did not bring a form home these are available from the school office on request. Forms are due back at school please by 20 March.

### **Room 5 Request**

.. would love any of the following: Plastic bottle tops, egg cartons, straws, wool, pipe cleaners, ice cream containers, newspapers, buttons, corks, beads, shells.... Or anything else useful. Any questions please see Mrs Gunson in room 5.

### **Middle School Request**

To commemorate 100 yrs since the ANZAC's landed in Gallipoli, the middle school will be making poppies for art. We would love any red or black fabric, paper, wool or other draft materials. Please drop off to Room 9.

### **ANZAC Day Dawn Parade - (April 25<sup>th</sup>)**

Whilst this is a completely optional event, members of our school council and senior students will be involved in the 2015 Dawn Parade. Mrs Sinclair (and maybe Mr D) will be meeting in Alexander Street (opposite the RSA) at 5.30am. Parents and students are more than welcome to join us for this special morning. We request that students wear their Matarau School T-Shirt (if they have one).

### **Consultation on the Health Curriculum**

Schools are required to consult with their community on the delivery of the Health Curriculum. At 3:15 PM, on Thursday 26 March, a meeting will be held in the library. At this meeting key staff will share plans for this year, discuss regular units of work, answer questions and take feedback. All interested parents are invited to attend.

### **Bullying**

Last week we shared some thoughts on disagreements and suggested that disagreements could (sometimes) even be a positive thing. What about bullying? Where does bullying fit in all this? What is or is not bullying? Is bullying ever a positive thing?

The topic of bullying has had huge press in recent years. Given this, it is hardly surprising that the word bullying is sometimes misapplied to situations that might, more appropriately, be labelled unkindness or thoughtlessness.

So what is bullying? It is generally agreed that bullying has the following components (keeping it simple)

- .. it is usually deliberate (planned)
- .. it usually involves a power imbalance
- .. it is usually repeated (and targeted) behaviour
- .. it is nearly always harmful

If the behaviour does not meet these 4 criteria it is not technically bullying ... maybe simple unkindness (which also needs to be dealt with). Bullying can take many forms. Is it ever positive .. SELDOM!

### **Finally**

Did you hear about the story of the rubbish truck - Don't worry it's just a load of rubbish!!! (Joke from Amia, Connan and Nicholas)

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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**For Sale** - GirlGuide Biscuits for sale. Plain, Chocolate and Chocolate minis all packets \$3.50 each. Please contact Vanessa Bradley 0211093845 if you wish to purchase some.

**Ray White Allens Kid's Triathlon** – Sun 22 March 2015. Entry forms available ray White Allens offices, Sport Northland, and most schools or register online [rwwhangare.co.nz](http://rwwhangare.co.nz).

**Kamo Junior Rugby** is looking forward to the 2015 season and is looking for all existing & any new players to register online, [Sportsground.co.nz/](http://Sportsground.co.nz/) kamorsc/Kamo Rugby & Squash Club/2015 NZRU Registration Form – then fill in this registration form or at the club day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. You will be contacted by your coach on the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. The first game is 2<sup>nd</sup> of May with the final game on the 29<sup>th</sup> August (16 games). For more info please txt Murray Mortimer on 029 7525970

**\$20 Family Portrait fundraiser** with photographer **KERRI VERNON** for Reumah Horne (past student of Matarau School)

Reumah is in Chile on a 12 month ROTARY student exchange for her final year of school.

Date: Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 9am - 5pm

Venue: Whau Valley School Theatre

Pick up and viewing date: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Also available to order online.

\$20 will entitle you to one free A4 FAMILY portrait and a 15 minute professional photo sitting

\$20 goes directly to Reumah's exchange fund

Please contact Trish on 021843100, via FB or email [trish\\_reumah@hotmail.com](mailto:trish_reumah@hotmail.com)

Include your name and preferred time for sitting. Limited sittings. Payment of \$20 to be received by 17 April to confirm booking.

One week to go

## **GALA DAY COUNTDOWN!!!!**

**Saturday 14 March 2015 9.00am – 1.00pm**

- School hall is now open for receiving donated items
- Each family are asked to donate some baking (either a cake or slice) to be sold at the Cake Stall and at the Cafe. A cake box will be sent home with the eldest child in the next few days.
- Each family are asked to donate a non-perishable grocery item to go towards grocery packs for the Quick Fire Raffle Stall. Please send in or drop off to the school office by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
- **Silent Auction Items** (to date)  
Look out for these awesome products & put your bids in
  - Rangehood - ex display model award, stainless steel 86cm, rrp \$1,700
  - Sunglasses - Guess, rrp \$295
  - Watch - Casio Baby G, rrp \$60
  - Sunbeam Cafe Series Conical Burr Grinder valued individually at over \$200
  - Sunbeam Espresso Vita 15bar pump with gauge, rrp \$500

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